

Request for City Council Committee Action From the Departments of the City Attorney and Communications

Date: July 6, 2003

To: Ways & Mean Committee

Referral to

Subject: The continued existence of the Minneapolis Telecommunications Network

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the attached Resolution that provides for the continued existence of MTN.

Previous Directives

Prepared or Submitted by: Peter W. Ginder 673-2478

Approved by Peter W. Ginder, Acting Deputy City Attorney, Civil Division; and Gail Plewacki, Communications Director

Presenters in Committee: Peter W. Ginder and Gail Plewacki

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)x_ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase Action requires use of contingency or reserves Other financial impact (Explain):
Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)
Neighborhood Notification
City Goals
Comprehensive Plan
Zoning Code
Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

In 2000, the Minnesota legislature passed Minnesota Statutes Section 465.719 providing, in part, that: "in order to provide for the continued existence of a corporation created by a political subdivision, the political subdivision...that created the corporation must adopt a resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of the political subdivision...." If such a resolution is not passed by August 1, 2003, then the board of directors of the corporation must immediately begin dissolution of the corporation. The resolution continuing the corporation must contained detailed findings on the need for the corporation and specify the authorities and powers of the corporation.

The Minneapolis Television Network appears to meet the definition of corporation under the statute since the City approves the budget of the corporation. Staff has prepared the attached resolution and recommends its approval.